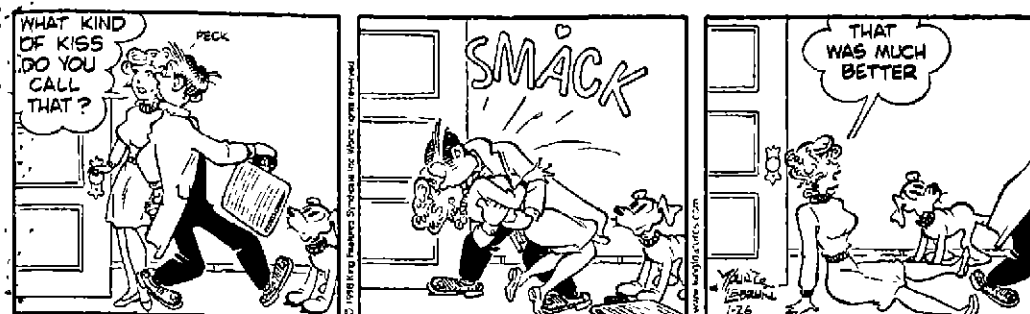


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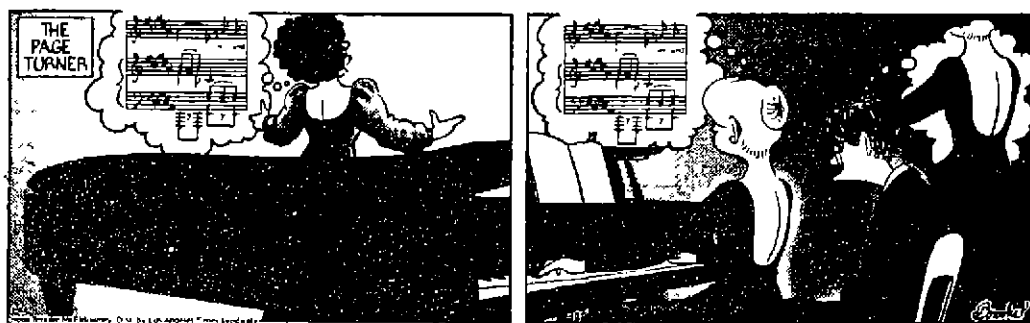
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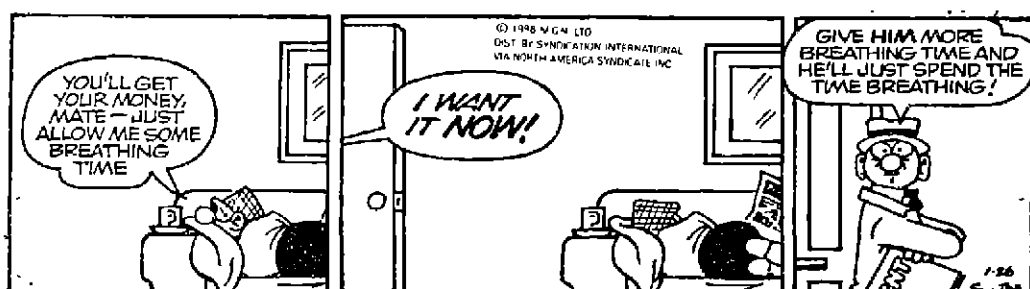
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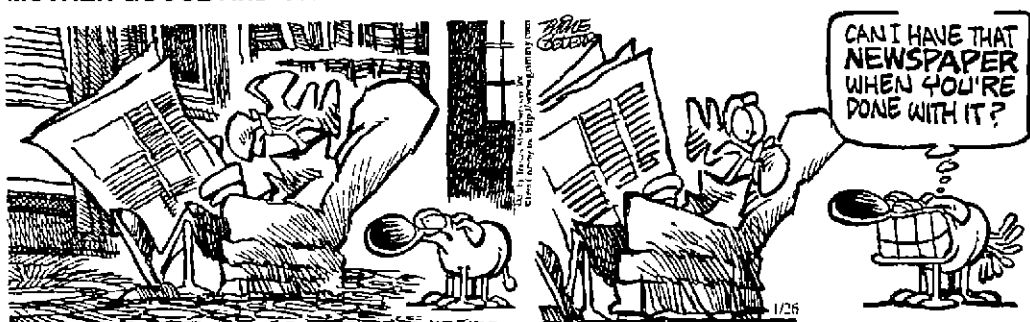
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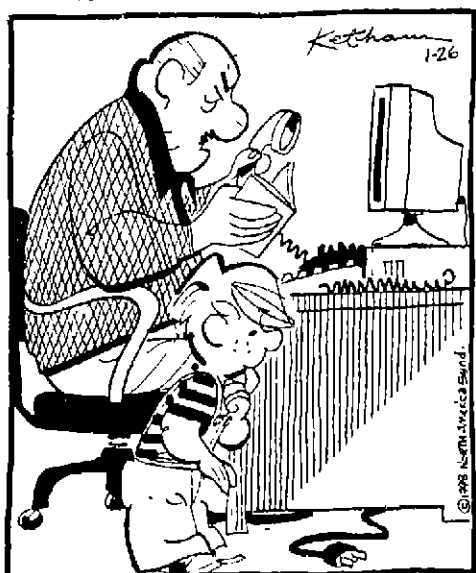
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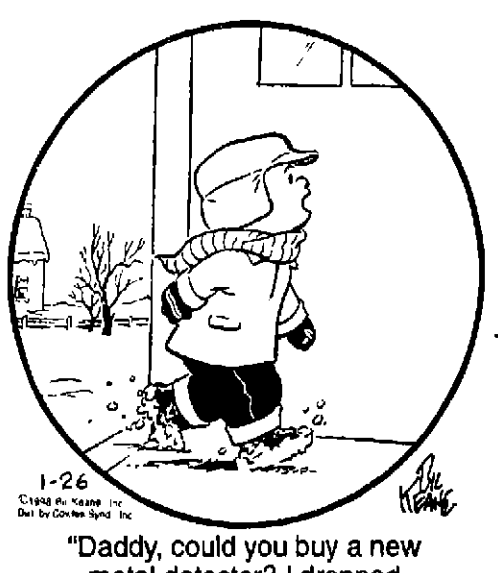
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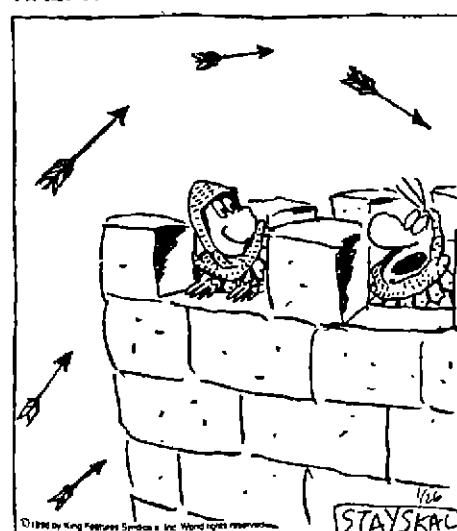
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Paul Newman is 73. Singer Eartha Kitt is 71. Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 69. Sportscaster-actor Bob Uecker is 63. Actor Scott Glenn is 56. Activist Angela Davis is 54. Movie critic Gene Siskel is 52. Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 41. Actress-comedian Ellen DeGeneres is 40. Hockey star Wayne Gretzky is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jazzie B. (Soul II Soul) is 35. Gospel singer Kirk Franklin is 28.

I NEED HELP



Why supermodels don't do bachelor parties.

SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 25-35 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blinks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

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WORD SLEUTH

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B E G B Y N W U R I P N K I G
D B Z N Y O X V R S H Q O M N
K I G K I T E C A U R D Y W E
U S C O P T R N P E H L N J V
S O H F C A S A B L A N C A I
R U E C A P Y E M X A V E U G
S Q E P N I C M H M K T J B R
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P O T E L M A H G M L K I H N
G E D C T R A E H E V A R B U

Saturday's unlisted clue: CAVIAR

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue hunt: INDIAN SPIRITUAL LEADER

Amadeus Gligi Patton Rocky
Ben-Hur Hamlet Platoon The Sting
Braveheart Marty Rain Man Unforgiven
Casablanca Oliver! Rebecca

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be alert for a new work opportunity. Some get a lucky assignment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Apartment-hunters meet with luck. Happiness is yours for the asking on the home front.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll find new ways to increase your income and will possibly receive a gift. Unexpected family news arrives.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Time by yourself leads to accomplishment. Acts of charity will be appreciated.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A career opportunity comes your way now! Think big!

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Some receive an unexpected, or lucky, money break. A contemplated career development should be talked over with trusted counselors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A partner remains your best confidante. You'll find some people to be downright evasive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Signals could easily become crossed between you and a close lie. You just don't seem to be in sync.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Little things could interfere with relationship harmony, but the day puts a major accent on love and togetherness. Don't let work pile up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You'll have to take what you hear with a grain of salt. Learn to read between the lines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You could be somewhat inconsistent in your dealings with others. You'll have to make up your own mind before you can expect others to cooperate.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Guard against laziness on the job and self-indulgence after working hours. You're very much in the limelight.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Today's South got messed up with his priorities. It was correct to finesse in trumps at trick two, but South could have done it with more finesse. South look dummy's club ace quickly and led the trump jack for a winning finesse. A second finesse won, and South cashed his trump ace, satisfied to find he had no trump loser. His satisfaction didn't last long. He led a diamond to dummy's king to win the trick, but now he was stuck in dummy. He tried a low club, but East won and switched to the 10 of spades. Whether South covered or not, he could no longer make his game. With dummy's spade ace dislodged, it was now impossible to score dummy's diamond queen, and South lost two spades, a diamond and a club. South makes his game if he times the play more carefully. At trick two, it's correct to lead the trump jack, but South should overtake with the queen. When the finesse wins, South leads a low diamond to dummy's king. (West cannot afford to take his ace.) South takes another trump finesse, cashes his trump ace to pick up the last trump and leads his last diamond toward dummy. West must now take his diamond ace or lose it, and South makes game with an overtrick.

NORTH 01 26 A
♠ A 8 7 4
♥ J 7
♦ K Q 10 7 3
♣ A 8

WEST ♠ K J 9 5
♥ A 2
♦ A 8 6
♣ J 10 9 4

EAST ♠ 10 6
♥ K 5 3
♦ J 9 4
♣ K Q 7 3 2

SOUTH ♠ Q 3 2
♥ A Q 10 9 8 6
♦ 6 2
♣ 6 5

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ All pass

Opening lead Club jack

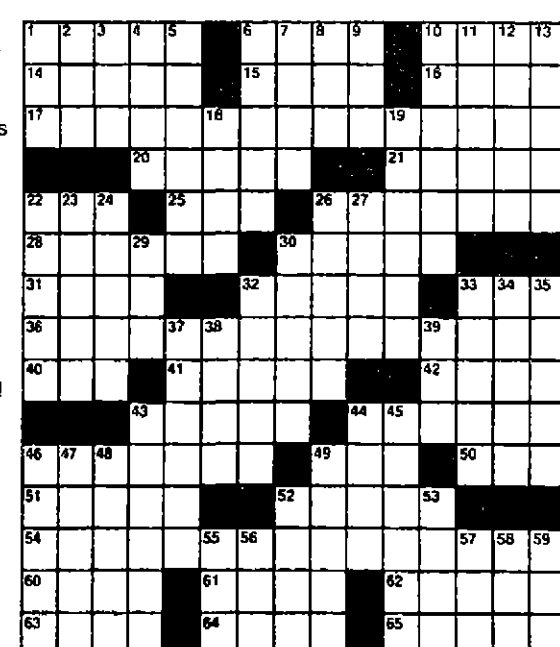
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1215

- ACROSS**
- 1 "the Horrible"
- 6 Challenge to a gunslinger
- 10 Out-of-focus picture
- 14 Wonderland girl
- 15 Relaxation
- 16 Country road
- 17 Evasive answer #1
- 20 Have a feeling
- 21 Prefix with linear
- 22 Swiss peak
- 23 Twain's "The Gilded"
- 26 Wailing woman, in folklore
- 28 Tell
- 30 Insertion symbol
- 31 Race track shape
- 32 Haying machine
- 33 Droop
- 36 Evasive answer #2
- 40 — gratia artis
- 41 Nonsecular types
- 42 Jason's ship
- 43 Members of a chess line
- 44 Rough, as terrain
- 46 "Thank you for"
- 48 Author Rand
- 50 Golfer Ernie
- 51 Founder of the Soviet Union
- 52 Plot of land
- 54 Evasive answer #3
- 60 Capri, e.g.
- 61 Detroit products
- 62 Florida city
- 63 — do-well
- 64 Overpublicize
- 65 "I understand!"
- DOWN**
- 1 "Bali —"
- 2 Entirely
- 3 TV actor Gerard
- 4 Does film work
- 5 Warm up, as food
- 6 Thick
- 7 Garden tool
- 8 White — ghost
- 9 Internet
- 10 Deepest azure
- 11 Gate holder
- 12 Knot
- 13 Knot again
- 18 "Picnic" planner
- 19 Obstinate
- 22 Scent
- 23 TV actor Burton
- 24 "Hamlet" and "Macbeth"
- 26 Mild, as weather
- 27 Neighborhood
- 28 Priestly garb
- 30 Playbill listings
- 32 Existence

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

STARTLED SCARP
TOLERATE ARMORS
ANIMATOR RUSSET
DECIDE INASTATE
TRITE EVAN ERET
SAT FEET FLING
EVILDOER ASE
ACADIA WERNER
BAM STAMPEDE
AROMA FAIR TIT
LARA CAKE SANIT
OVERHERE SLICER
NATTER FALINODE
ENTICE ACADEMIA
SINKS REVEREND



Puzzle by Stephanie Spadaccini

- 33 Suit material
- 34 Broadway backer
- 35 Merchandise
- 37 "Seinfeld" lady
- 39 Open wide
- 39 Base in baseball
- 43 First-grade book
- 44 Pitcher Nolan
- 45 Clear, as a drain
- 46 Killed
- 47 German Hermann
- 48 Leg joint
- 49 Get up
- 52 Canvas cover
- 53 Mexican sandwich
- 55 Oh, in Heidelberg
- 56 — Men's Health Crisis
- 57 Tilt for
- 58 Yale
- 59 Stinker

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